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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for a Permit to Construct Electrical Substation Facilities with Voltage over 50 kV: Mesa 500 kV Substation Project.

Application 15-03-003
(Filed March 13, 2015)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REGARDING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION AND FORMAT OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) website now allows electronic submittal of supporting documents (such as testimony and work papers).

Parties shall submit their testimony or workpapers in this proceeding through the Commission's electronic filing system.¹ Parties must adhere to the following:

- The Instructions for Using the "Supporting Documents" Feature,
(<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&DocID=158653546>); and

¹ These instructions are for submitting supporting documents such as testimony and work papers in formal proceedings through the Commission's electronic filing system. Parties must follow all other rules regarding serving testimony. Any document that needs to be formally filed such as motions, briefs, comments, etc., should be submitted using Tabs 1 through 4 in the electronic filing screen.

- The Naming Convention for Electronic Submission of Supporting Documents,
(<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&DocID=100902765>).
- The Supporting Document feature does not change or replace the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Parties must continue to adhere to all rules and guidelines in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures including but not limited to rules for participating in a formal proceeding, filing and serving formal documents and rules for written and oral communications with Commissioners and advisors (i.e. "*ex parte* communications") or other matters related to a proceeding.
- The Supporting Document feature is intended to be solely for the purpose of parties submitting electronic public copies of testimony, work papers and workshop reports (unless instructed otherwise by the Administrative Law Judge(ALJ)), and does not replace the requirement to serve documents to other parties in a proceeding.
- Unauthorized or improper use of the Supporting Document feature will result in the removal of the submitted document by the CPUC.
- Supporting Documents should not be construed as the formal files of the proceeding. The documents submitted through the Supporting Document feature are for information only and are not part of the formal file (i.e. "record") unless accepted into the record by the Administrative Law Judge.

All documents submitted through the "Supporting Documents" Feature shall be in PDF/A format. The reasons for requiring PDF/A format are:

- Security - PDF/A prohibits the use of programming or links to external executable files. Therefore, it does not allow malicious codes in the document.
- Retention - The Commission is required by Resolution L - 204, dated September 20, 1978, to retain

documents in formal proceedings for 30 years. PDF/A is an independent standard and the Commission staff anticipates that programs will remain available in 30 years to read PDF/A.

- Accessibility–PDF/A requires text behind the PDF graphics so the files can be read by devices designed for those with limited sight. PDF/A is also searchable.

Until further notice, the “Supporting Documents” do not appear on the “Docket Card”. In order to find the supporting documents that are submitted electronically, go to:

- Online documents, choose: “E-filed Documents “,
- Select “Supporting Document” as the document type, (do not choose testimony),
- Type in the proceeding number and hit search.

Please refer all technical questions regarding submitting supporting documents to:

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IT IS RULED that:

1. Parties shall submit their testimony, and workpapers in this proceeding through the “Supporting Documents” Feature on the Commission’s Electronic Filing System. Instructions for Using the “Supporting Documents” Feature are contained in

(<http://docs.cpus.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&DocID=158653546>).

2. Parties shall use the Naming Convention for Electronic Submission of Supporting Documents

(<http://docs.cpus.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&DocID=100902765>)3.

3. All documents submitted through the “Supporting Documents” Feature shall be in PDF/A format.

Dated August 9, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GERALD F. KELLY
Gerald F. Kelly
Administrative Law Judge